

Art Unit: 2193

The computer implemented method of claim 44 wherein the time offline is a probability distribution considering at least one of: a resource context, a user type class, and a recent usage pattern.

B) in the **SPECIFICATIONS**:

Amend as follows:

Page 82, § 4.2.4.4, lines 25-<sup>27</sup>~~26~~:

“... given a situation (See e.g., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/596,365, now issued as U.S. Patent No: 7,249,159, entitled “Notification Platform Architecture,”, ...”

Page 83, lines 1-2:

“... Serial No. 09/596,364, now issued as U.S. Patent No: 6, 601,012, entitled “Contextual Models and Methods for Inferring Attention and Location”, ...”

***EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE***

4. Claims 1, 3-38, 40, 42-45 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art taken separately or jointly does not suggest or teach the following features.

A method to manage distribution or download of resources from a source to a plurality of storage facilities or intermediate storage facilities, comprising (i) determining a probability of using a resource by maximizing a expected value of downloaded resources via a computation that takes a user-based parameter, and a resource-based parameter; (ii) comparing a evaluated cost of accessing resources in the source in a non-downloaded condition and a evaluated cost of accessing resources in the source for the plurality of storage facilities in a downloaded condition; (iii) based on the determining and comparing, minimize the request-to-receive time (or request-